

"Who Wrote the Pentateuch?" by the Reverend Cornelius H. Patton-The Reverend Doctor S. C. Palmer on "The Work of the Holy Spirit"-"To Be Like Christ," by the Reverend John C. Horning-The Reverend A. F. Carr on "The Missionary Idea"-"The Sins of Ignorance and Their Punishment," by the Reverend M. T. Haw.

HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK IN THE HUMAN SOUL.

"The Work of the Holy Spirit" was the theme of the Reverend Doctor S. C. Palmer in Lafayette Park Presbyterian Church yes-

"It is of the utmost importance that you give careful attention to the words of the text, found in John xvl. 7-14, 'Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away the that I go away; for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you. And when he is come he will convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment—of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go unto my Father and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. When he, the spirit of truth, is come he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear that shall be speak, and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me; for he shall receive of mine and shall shew it unto you.

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"You recognize the words as spoken by Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh Less than twenty-four hours from the time of their utterance is the painful, shameful death on the cross. Hefore the cross lies Gethsemane, the needlessly cruel trial, the insuits, the mockings, the scourgings. This is the 'going away' of which he so calmly speaks to the sorrowing disciples gathered close about him. Listen: 'it is expedient for you that I go away.' Gethsemane with its awful agony. Expedient for you.' The scourgings and insuits 'expedient for you.' For it is with his stripes we are healed. "O the wender of it all! O the infinite love of it all!" Othe infinite love of it all! O the infinite love of it all is the stripes we are healed. "Let us so the professed followers of the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.' It is from that position that he proposes to send forth the complete that their blood will be upon you the set that their blood will be upon you if the work of the Holy Spirit to use them in convincing the world of sin, of righteous-need and of high professed followers of Chris

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"But his thought reached beyond the cross in these words.' For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.' It is from that position that he proposes to send forth the Comforter, who when he comes, is to accomplish the great things here predicted of him. It is then of the person and work of the Holy Spirit as set before us in these weighty farewell words of our Lord, that you are asked to think just now.

"Three times already in this last evening talk with his disciples had Jesus told them of the coming of the Holy Spirit. After his resurrection from among the dead, and just before his ascension on the glory cloud he reminds these same disciples of these wonderful promises. What in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father, which ye have heard of me. 'Ye shall be baptized with the Holy God in these words of our Savior. Even the disciples ald not understand until after Penteroas. Precious, vital truths are here, but if we apprehend them at all it will be by faith, not by comprehensive grasp of instelled. May the very words themselves be fullfilled to us while we study them.

"Let me remind you that the Comforter,' the 'Spirit of Truth,' of whom Jesus is speaking, is the third person in the Biessed a similty. Theoretically every Christian believes this. But there is a constant tendenty to think and speak of the Holy Spirit. I have heard ministers while preaching, again and again, so the same thing. It I were to Jesus Within the last week I heard an earnest Christian use the neuter pronoun it in greaking of the Holy Spirit. I have heard ministers while preaching, again and again, so the same thing. It I were to Jesus predicates action of the Holy Spirit. The Father gave his only begotten Son.' The Son 'Came to seek and to save the leave presented the stripes to hear it is not the Holy Spir

"How impressively Jesus introduces what he here says about the Holy Spirit. 'Nevef-theless I tell you the truth.' It hints at open-mouthed increduity on the part of those then listening. It is like the 'verily,' verily,' which always introduces most solwhich always introduces most sol-emn and weighty statements.

"Do not fail to notice that the Holy Spirit is the gift of the Father and the Son to his disciples. No righteous acts of ours can merit his presence with us. Some do forget thie. The Father is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him than earthly parents are to give bread to their children.

get on your knees and tell God you did not believe it. But here we stand face to face with the fateful fact that even though you have been thus convinced, it is possible for you to resist the Holy Spirit, and go right on in sin. taking the awful risk of dving in your sins, and going up to this judgment day without any Savior, without any sdvocate with the Father.

"But some one asks, When, where, how, him, the Holy Spirit do this convicting work." Let me read Jesus's works again and you shall find your answert. I will send him, the Holy Spirit, unto you, and when he is come tunto youl, he will convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. This was illustrated at Pentecost and many times since. God grant that such may be true here and now. When the Holy Spirit really comes unto those who morfess to believe in Christ, when they think more of the awful condition of sinners dying in their sins than they do of their own selfish case; when they feel the need of coming together to pray for those who are lost, some of them their own children, their own fathers and methers, their own husbands, than they do of some party, perhaps a progressive euchre party, in a word when the Holy Spirit comes unto professed disciples, then we shall indeed see sinners flocking to Jesus for salvation. But here again it is possible for you to resist the Holy Spirit, and 'go on with the dance of death.' But professed Christian, remember that their blood will be upon you if you do.
"In verses if and it Jesus tells us what

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was 'the thought of a thinker who thinks the thought of God.' Africaner was a Hotentot employed by a man in South Africa to piunder helpless African tribes, He rejoiced in his work, and finally murdered bis employer and that employer's wife. From that time his hand was against every man, and every man's hand against him. He crossed the Orange River and became a terror to all the country round. Large rewards would have been paid for his head, but no one was found who dars to approach such a monster.

"Moffat, the missionary, declared his intention of taking the Gospel to him. Mon said he would make a drum-head of the missionary's skin, and a drinking cup of his skull. Moffat went to him and told of God's saving love in Christ. His stony heart was melted, and people were astonished to set the wild outlaw peacefully following the missionary back to the habitation of men.

"In one year after John Williams discovered the island of Raratonga, heathenism was in ruins, and the people gathered to worship God in such crowds as he had never seen outside his native land. A tablet reared to the memory of Doctor John Geldie, in the Island of Anettern, bears this inscription: When he landed in 18% there were no Christians, when he left in 1872 there were no beathen. One convert madamong the Kerens of Burmah, founded there finer than 20 courtes from heathenlism.

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wich Islands, baptized 12.00 converts from heathenism.

'These are but a few of the many instances of God's work of grace among the heathen. Whole communities have been transformed whole races lifted up into light and life and love. These wonderful events of our age speak loudly to us of the plans of God. 'We are living we are dwelling in a grand, an awful time'

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beat a charge! cried Napoleon. The charge was beaten and one of the most glorious victories of his career was galned.

"The church of Christ has no business knowing how to beat a retreat. Her Master does not teach her that. He teaches her to beat a charge which will wake the dead nations of earth and make them fall into line with his conquering cause."

which he said they made the Word of God of no effect, we need not fear a critical examination of the books themselves to see if this particular tradition is correct.

"Nearly all modern scholars say emphatically that it is not correct. After a most careful study of these old documents lasting now through more than 10 years, in which time scholars have corrected scholars with mercliess dehate, the theory is well established that these books in their present form proceeded not from a single author, but are a composite work, the growth of centuries.

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"Scholars hold that the process by which these early books were formed was something like this: From early days of Jewish history there were in existence various historical data, such as war songs, hymns for ceremontal occasions, reciting the deeds of their ancestors and God's wonderful ways with their fathers, family storica and traditions. Frominent among these documents were certain legal codes, civil and religious laws were given by God through Moses. About 80 years before Christ these various historical data were gathered together by certain prophets. Notably two compilations came into vogue, one probably by a Judean prophet and another by a prophet of the Northern kingdom of Israel. Eventually these were combined by some editor and formed a complete history of the nation from earliest times. Later on, possibly in the time of Ezra, some priest burning with seal for Jehovah, felt that in the existing history sufficient emphasis had not been placed on the religious institutions of the israel, such as the Sabbath, circumcision, the tabernacle, the priesthood, the religious ceremonles, etc. He then wrote a history from this viewpoint, known now to scholars as the priestly code, a wenderfully beautiful and complete work. Eventually this was combined in considerable skill with the prophetical narrative, and after careful ars as the priestly code, a wonderfully beautiful and complete work. Eventually beautiful and complete work. Eventually beautiful and complete work. Eventually this was combined in considerable skill with the prophetical narrative, and after careful editing, the Pentateuch came into its present form. Who these authors were we do not know, any more than we know who wrote the books of Samuel, Kings. Chronicles, Ruth and Esther in the Old Testament, and Hebrews in the New Their value does not rest upon authorship, but upon their contenis. Shakespeare's works would be just as grand even if we found Shakespeare did not write them.

"This, in rough outline, is the view of scholars for the solution of the many difficulties in these books. If you do not accept it it is then incumbent upon you to explain these difficulties by some other as good or better theory. In either case we have simply a human theory, as the books themselves assert no authorship. But, as Driver naively remarks, the reason why the traditional view cannot be accepted is the existence of too many facts which conflict with it. It is urged that Christ testified to the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch when he quoted from these books as from Moses, But Christ never expressed any critical opinion as to their authorship. That question was not raised in his life, and for him to have taken it up would have been quite aside from his purpose, in fact fatal to his purpose, which was purely religious. He used the books as he found them and called them by their familiar names. When Christ said his father made the sun to rise upon the evil and the good he did not mean to commit himself and the church forever to the Ptolemaic theory of the universe. Theories of astronomy lay outside of his life 's paramount object, as did also theories of historical and literary criticism."

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Fight Will Be Made on Office Holding Editors.

Holding Editors.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 20.—It is expected that nearly 300 delegates will be present in the Empire Theater to-morrow morning at the first session of the Convention of the National Association of Retail Grocers of the United States.

In addition to the usual reading of papers and the discussion of trade topics, the convention will have several important questions to settle, prominent among which is whether editors of trade papers shall be permitted to hold offices in the association as has been done heretofore. One faction in the association, led by Eastern members, is prepared to make a strong fight against office-holding by the editors.

Among the cities which are candidates for the next convention of the association are Niagara. Falls, Buffalo, Milwaukee and Springfield, Ill.

Of the present officers of the association. Secretary Godfrey is the only one who will be a candidate for re-election, and there will be a strong fight made against his candidate.

TO START A PAPER IN BERLIN.

Its Purpose Will Be to Promote United States Trade Interests. United States Trade Interests.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Joseph Brucker, managing editor of the Illinois Staats Zeltung.

19 to establish a commercial embassy in Berlin, Germany, and publish a weekly paper, to be known as Columbia, which shall have for its object the promotion of friendiy relations between Europe and America and their trade interests.

As the commercial treaty between the United States and Germany must be renewed in 1903, and as the German Parliament will consider the question at its fall session, when the Agrarians are expected strongly to oppose clauses now favorable to American interests, it is Mr. Brucker's intention to begin his work at the earliest possible moment, with the object of counteracting such opposition.

Mr. Brucker's supporters in the project are manufacturers and merchants interested in the export trade.

NO CHANGE IN DEADLOCK.

Senatorial Situation in Nebraska

Remains at Standstill.

Lincoln Neb., Jan. 20.—Indications tonight are that there will be no change in
the senatorial deadlock for several days.
There is more of a disposition among the
candidates to compromise the differences,
but with only forty names of the required
sixty-seven attached to a Republican caucus petition, the outlook for an early solution is not promising. One of the developments discussed by members and
candidates this evening was a tentative
proposition looking to the holding of two
caucuses by the Republicans, one of the
South Platte, the other of the North
Platte members, the understanding being
that the nominations of either would be
ratified by both. It did not find great
favor among the candidates, and too many
members are absent to get a majority expression of opinion. No great change in
strength is expected when balloting is resumed to-morrow. Remains at Standstill.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Aside from a brief dispatch from the commander of the gunboat Scorpion, which is now at La Guayra. Venezuela, there was no news of importance received here to-day from the asphalt concessions in that country. This dispatch was addressed to Secretary Long, and reported that the latest news from Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, indicated that all was quiet there. The Scorpion, her commander said, would proceed to Curacoa for coal. After this, it is expected, the vessel would return to La Guayra, after which she will await the department orders.

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URGED TO STOP THE TRAFFIC.

Methodists Would Prevent Importation of Liquor Into Philippines.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 21.—Doctor Louis Albert Banks, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, in the course of his sermon this evening, referred to the action of the Senate in defeating the amendments to the army bill designed to aboltsh salcons in the Philippines, and to prevent the importation of liquors into those islands. He said the people ought now to ask the President to exercise his military authority and prohibit the liquor traffic in the Philippines. A memorial to the President we adopted by the congregation, and Docse Banks advised all friends of temperate reform to send similar petitions to the White House. Methodists Would Prevent Impor-

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